(d) whether Government propose to consider the desirability of bringing such industries also within the purview of cost accounting and if not, what are the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Prescribing of Cost Accounting Record Rules under Section 209 (1) (d) of the Companies Act, 1956, for maintenance of cost accounting records for different industries is a continuing process. As and when such rules are prescirbed for a particular industry, a copy of the notification is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal at present to prescribe Cost Accounting Record Rules for industries manufacturing artificial flavours, colours etc.

Upgrading the Telecommunications system

2045. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Telecom. Action Plan has been finalised and if so, details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that this will aim at bringing India in line with other countries such as UK, Japan or Korea in terms of plain old telephones for the population by the year 2001; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the whole country has about 30 lakh phones as against 40 lakhs each in London, New York or Tokyo?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir. An action plan for telecommunications has been drawn up based on 7th plan outlay of Rs. 4010 crores. The plan envisages:

(1) Commissioning of Switching capacity of 13 lakhs lines;

(2) provision of 11 lakhs direct exchange lines;

(3) replacement of most of the equipment which has outlived its useful life on 1-4-85, (totalling about 1.73 lakhs lines).

(4) provision of telex connections practically on demand by 1990 for which 32,000 lines of telex switching capacity will be added to the network.

(5) substantial improvement of telegraph services.

(b) This is the aim. However, position will depend on the resources that can be made mobilized during the 8th and 9th Five Year Plans.

(c) The total number of telephones in the country as on 30th September, 1985 was 38.21,679. The number of telephones in London, New York and Tokyo as per the available figures of Jan., 1982 was as follows:—

London..	5.9 million.
New York..	5.7 million
Tokyo ..	6.6 million

Report on Public Enterprises

2046. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee headed by Dr. Arjun Sen Gupta to review the Government policy towards public enterprises has submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are its main recommendations;

(c) whether Government have accepted its recommendations; and

(d) whether Government propose to publicise the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It is not in public interest to divulge the details of the report or the action proposed to be taken thereon, at this stage.

Minister's Visit to Switzerland

2047. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he attended a meeting or a seminar at Switzerland in February, 1986;

(b) if so, did he refer to a study of eleven top American Companies' dividend repatriation;

(c) who conducted the study;

(d) which American companies were studied;

(e) what are the total investments of these companies and how much has been repatriated as profits over the year;

(f) whether this rate of dividend out-flow is a part of Government for attracting foreign investment; and

(g) whether such a policy be beneficial for the Indian economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (g) The study has been conducted by the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has not given the list of these 11 companies. As per the report of the Chamber, 11 U.S. companies had contributed a total capital of $4.84 million on which they earned divident of $11.6 million during a period of five years from 1975 to 1980 (or in some cases from 1976 to 1981).

The rate of dividend is not governed by Government but is determined by the companies on the basis of their profitability.

Jobs for Retired Chief Election Commissioner

2048. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and names of the retired Chief Election Commissioners of India who were appointed to other jobs after the expiry of term of their office in the past; and

(b) whether there is any proposal not to engage retired Chief Election Commissioners in any task after the expiry of their terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Of the seven Chief Election Commissioners who have held office since 1950 to 1985, four were appointed to other jobs after the expiry of their term. They are as under:—

1. Shri Sukumar Sen
2. Shri K. V. K. Sundaram
3. Shri S. P. Sen Verma
4. Shri R. K. Trivedi.

(b) No, Sir.

Reduction of stamp duty on DDA flats

2049. DR. GOVIND DAS RICHHARIA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any requests have been received by Government to reduce stamp duty charged at the time of registration of flats of the Middle Income Group constructed and allotted by the Delhi Development Authority in the Union Territory of Delhi and to recover it on the basis of prices fixed for land;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what decision has been taken by Government thereon; and